

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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## REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

Regulatory Division
Special Projects and Enforcement Branch
SAJ-2006-4793 (NW-AAZ)

AUG 0 1 2007

Florida Department of Transportation Florida Turnpike Enterprise Attn: Mr. Raymond Ashe, Jr. M.P. 263 Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Building 5315, Turkey Lake Service Plaza Ocoee, Florida 34761

Dear Mr. Ashe:

Reference is made to your letter in which you requested to modify the Department of the Army permit number SAJ-2006-4793(NW-AAZ) issued to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on July 14, 2006. The work was originally verified under Nationwide Permit (NWP) 41 for the widening of the Sawgrass Expressway from Atlantic Boulevard to Coral Ridge Drive from two lanes to three lanes in each direction. The additional lanes would be constructed in the median. The ditches adjacent to the Sawgrass Expressway would be re-graded at a 1:6 slope. The project is located along the Sawgrass Expressway in Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 18, 19, 30, and 31, Township 48 South, Range 41 East, Broward County, Florida.

The original verification expired on March 17, 2007. Your letter requests to extend the permit until January 31, 2008, to ensure the construction will be complete. As stated in the Federal Register/Volume 72, Number 47, page 11092 under the heading Grandfather Provision for Expiring NWP, "in accordance with 33 CFR 330.6(b), activities authorized by the current NWP issued on January 15, 2002, that have commenced or are under contract to commence by March 18, 2007, will have until March 18, 2008, to complete the activity under the terms and conditions of the current NWPs". Since the FDOT is under contract for the widening of Sawgrass Expressway, the construction work is extended one year past the expiration date without modification to the authorization or additional notification to the Corps. Therefore, the work can continue until March 18, 2008.

All other conditions of the permit remain in effect. You should attach this letter to the permit. If you have any questions regarding this document, please contact Alisa Zarbo at the letterhead address, by telephone at 772-219-8418, or by email at Alisa.A.Zarbo@saj02.usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

Loren M. Mason

Chief, Special Projects And Enforcement Branch